

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An electric mail sending apparatus, comprising:
editing means for composing and editing a text of an electric mail;
an attribute table storing a display form defined based on a terminal
model name;

5 accepting means for accepting a receiver's terminal model name that
is input by a user;

reading means connected to the attribute table and the accepting
means for reading the display form defined based on the receiver's terminal
model name from the attribute table;

10 display means connected to the editing means and the reading
means for displaying the electric mail text based on the display form read
from the attribute table; and

sending means connected to the editing means for sending the
composed electric mail.

2. The electric mail sending apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein

the attribute table stores a number of lines that is displayable on a
display screen of a receiver's terminal and a number of characters per line,

5 the reading means includes number-of-character reading means for
reading the number of lines that is displayable on the display screen of the
receiver's terminal and the number of characters per line, and

10 the display means includes means connected to the editing means
and the number-of-character reading means for displaying the electric mail
text based on the displayable number of lines and the number of characters
per line that are read from the attribute table.

3. The electric mail sending apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein the display means displays copy data of the electric mail text based
on the display form read from the attribute table.

4. An electric mail composing method for use in an electric mail composing apparatus including an attribute table storing a display form defined based on a terminal model name and a display portion for displaying an electric mail text, comprising the steps of:

- 5 accepting an electric mail text composed or edited by a user;
accepting a receiver's terminal model name selected by the user;
reading a display form defined based on the receiver's terminal
model name from the attribute table; and
10 displaying the electric mail text on the display portion based on the
display form read from the attribute table.

5. The electric mail composing method according to claim 4,
wherein

- the attribute table stores a number of lines that is displayable on a
display screen of a receiver's terminal and a number of characters per line,
5 the reading step includes the step of reading the number of lines that
is displayable on the display screen of the receiver's terminal and the
number of characters per line, and
the displaying step includes the step of displaying the electric mail
text on the display portion based on the displayable number of lines and
10 the number of characters per line that are read from the attribute table.

6. The electric mail composing method according to claim 4,
wherein the displaying step includes the step of displaying copy data of the
electric mail text on the display portion based on the display form read
from the attribute table.

7. A computer-readable recording medium having an electric mail
composing program recorded thereon, wherein the electric mail composing
program causes a computer to execute the steps of:

- 5 accepting an electric mail text composed or edited by a user;
accepting a receiver's terminal model name selected by the user; and
displaying the electric mail text on a display portion based on a

display form defined based on the receiver's terminal model name.

8. The computer-readable recording medium according to claim 7,
wherein

the displaying step includes the step of displaying the electric mail
text on the display portion based on the displayable number of lines and
the number of characters per line that is displayable on the display screen.

9. The computer-readable recording medium according to claim 7,
wherein the displaying step includes the step of displaying copy data of the
electric mail text on the display portion based on the display form defined
based on the receiver's terminal model name.